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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
EPA Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20460

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0827 and NHTSA-2014-0132

Dear Administrator McCarthy and Secretary Foxx:

We commend your efforts to implement strong, achievable fuel efficiency and emission standards for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. This new proposed rule demonstrates America's leadership in a cleaner and more efficient transportation sector. The new standards will help cities like ours that use Medium- and Heavy-duty trucks daily for trash collection, snow removal and other municipal functions, save millions of taxpayer dollars yearly.

With medium-and heavy-duty vehicles accounting for twenty percent of US oil consumption but only five percent of vehicles,¹ the opportunity for improvement is significant. Requiring increased efficiency in a flexible, cost-effective way helps make U.S. businesses located in South Bend more competitive globally – especially beneficial to the rapidly-growing distribution and logistics companies that operate in our region.

Locally, air quality affects our County, with ozone and particulates adversely impacting human health approximately eight days per year.² With a diverse community and a poverty rate of 27.8 percent,³ we recognize that we must protect the health of vulnerable populations while being good stewards of limited taxpayer resources. Here in South Bend we are already replacing much of our fleet with cleaner-burning and lower-cost compressed natural gas vehicles.

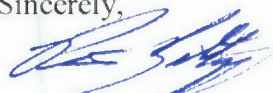
¹ EPA and DOT propose greenhouse gas and fuel efficiency standards for heavy-duty trucks. NHTSA.

² American Lung Association, 2012 State of the Air, St. Joseph County Indiana

³ U. S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Thank you for your work proposing strong fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas emission standards for trucks. We urge U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Transportation to finalize strong Phase Two standards for medium- and heavy-duty trucks in 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Buttigieg", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pete Buttigieg
Mayor



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